

material (37 CFR 1.97(h)), or even qualifies as "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. §102 with respect to this invention unless specifically designated by Applicants as such.


The filing of this Supplemental IDS shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information, as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, exists.

The attached Supplemental IDS is being filed in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97(c) and 1.98. This Supplemental IDS is being filed after an action on the merits but before a Final Action under §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under §1.311. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$240.00 to cover the fee pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(p). In addition, the Examiner is authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper to the Deposit Account #50-1273.

Respectfully submitted,

BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON, LLP

Dated: 12/29/00

By: 
Michael A. Whittaker
Reg. No. 46,230

MAW:jxb

BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON LLP
12390 El Camino Real
San Diego, CA 92130-2081
Telephone: (858) 720-2500
Facsimile: (858) 720-2555